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Monthly Happenings

Office of English Learning and Migrant Education

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Important Information

Applications Update

-The Title III, Immigrant Influx, and Title I Part C applications are posted in Learning Connection for your convenience. These are due Fri., Aug. 30th. The NESP application has not been released yet. We will keep you posted. **Reminder: Title III grants are 27 month allocations.**

Reports Update

-The Title III and NESP Financial End Reports and Annual Performance Reports (APR) will be released soon. A webinar will be provided about a Title III clarification and then the reports will be released thereafter. Important information will be shared at our Title III New Director and Program Refresh meetings on Aug. 15th.

WIDA Standards Adoption

-We are in the process of adopting new English language development standards. Three external groups of EL educators and an internal IDOE key stakeholder group have conducted an alignment study of the WIDA standards and Indiana's current English language proficiency standards. Look for the posting of the WIDA standards the second week of August. We will welcome feedback and public comment as we move forward in this process.

Save the Dates: Check out these awesome opportunities for PD!

-September 19-20, 2013- Great Lakes Equity Center- Indiana Historical Society- Indianapolis- "Using Data for Social Justice in Education: Purposes, Perspectives, & Processes"

-September 29-30, 2013- IN State Reading Association-Hyatt Regency-Indianapolis "Reading and Writing: Getting to the Core"

-November 2, 2013, INTESOL Conference-IUPUI Campus Center-Indianapolis "Inside and Out-Linking Language, Learning, and the Real World"



Nathan Williamson has joined the Office of English Learning and Migrant Education in the role of English Learner Specialist for Title III and the NESP programs. Nathan earned his B.S. in Elementary Education and his M.S. in Language Education from Indiana University. He joins us from Center Grove Community Schools where he worked as an EL teacher for Center Grove Elementary. He has also taught EL students for Indianapolis Public Schools.

EL and Content Teacher Guidebooks

-Two guidebooks have been designed as a reference for district and school personnel working with English learners (ELs). These are living documents which welcome updates and changes from all stakeholders. Please take the time to review the guidebooks and offer any feedback you feel will make the books a success. You can find the guidebooks on [Learning Connection](#)

Professional Development

- We are in the process of creating several professional development webinars as a resource for school and district personnel working with ELs. Several planned topics include federal requirements, reminders to kick start your school year, and more!

LAS Links

- We recommend you to join the LAS Links Learning Connection community. The Office of Student Assessment hosts this community and all information regarding LAS Links will be provided within this community.
- The dates and information for the placement test administration and scoring training are [located here](#). They begin Aug. 15th.

Title III Application Tips

- A document has been posted in the Learning Connection that contains tips to school corporations prepare for the Title III application. [Visit IDOE-Title III > Files and Bookmarks > Title III > Title III Information](#)